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SUBJ: EDITORIALS ON FBIS CLOSURE

NIGERIA'S TWO LARGEST DAILIES HAVE NOW WEIGHED IN WITH EDITORIALS ON CLOSURE OF FBIS KADUNA. BOTH DAILY /TIMES/ AND /NEW NIGERIAN/ EXPRESS RELIEF THAT STATION BEING CLOSED, VOICE SUSPICIONS ABOUT ITS ACTIVITIES. /NEW NIGERIANS/, AFTER QUITE OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTION OF FBIS ACTIVITIES, REVIEWS ALLEGATIONS OF FBIS PHONE TAPPING AND TELEGRAPH INTERCEPTION, CITING MARCHETTI AND MARKS. /TIMES/ TAKES WIDE-RANGING AND RATHER CONFUSED "HEAVEN KNOWS WHAT THEY'RE DOING" VIEW, BRINGING IN CURRENT EXPOSURES OF CIA IN CONGRESS AND WORLD PRESS, INCLUDING RECENT PUBLICATION OF NAMES OF ALLEGED AGENTS, IMPLIES THAT FMG MADE MISTAKE IN ALLOWING USIS RELOCATE IN "BACKYARD OF DODAN BARRACKS" (FMG SUPREME HEADQUARTERS) TEXTS OF EDITORIALS BEING POUCHED TO AF/W. COMMENT: CONSIDERING POTENTIAL FOR INFLAMMATORY PUBLICITY IN FBIS ISSUE, US HAS THUS FAR FARED AS WELL AS CAN BE EXPECTED. EASUM

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